

## **Stamford Department of Health & Social Services**

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## **Health and Social Services**

- The Department of Health and Social Services is responsible for providing Stamford residents and business with a broad range of services including school based health services, nursing clinics, preventative and educational health activities, environmental health inspections and testing, and emergency preparedness, laboratory services, HIV testing and counseling, WIC nutritional services, counseling, referral and case management.
- Our team works collaboratively with community partners and government agencies to connect residents services and resources.

## Divisions

- Environmental Health
- Community and School Nursing program
- HIV/AIDS Services
- Health Laboratory
- Women, Infants and Children (WIC) Program
- Public Health Education/Preventive Health
- Emergency Preparedness
- Stamford Mobile Medical
- Social Services

## Environmental Health & Inspections

### **Mission:**

The responsibility of the Department of Environmental Health and Inspection Services is to protect the public health and environment of the City of Stamford through education, inspections, sampling and monitoring, and enforcing federal, state and local codes as they pertain to public health issues.

## Environmental Services

<a href="#"><u>Beaches and Shellfish Beds</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>Mosquito and Vector Control</u></a>
<a href="#"><u>Bed Bugs</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>Refuse &amp; Pesticide Trucks</u></a>
<a href="#"><u>Children's Asthma Program</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>Salons</u></a>
<a href="#"><u>Complaints - Public Health Issues</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>Schools &amp; Day Care Centers</u></a>
<a href="#"><u>Food Service</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>Subsurface Sewage Disposal (Septic Tanks)</u></a>
<a href="#"><u>Housing Code Enforcement</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>Swimming Pools</u></a>
<a href="#"><u>Lead Poisoning Prevention</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>Water Quality/Drinking Water</u></a>
<a href="#"><u>Lyme Disease Information</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>Weights &amp; Measures</u></a>
<a href="#"><u>Massage Establishments</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>West Nile Virus</u></a>
<a href="#"><u>Microwave Antennas</u></a>	

## Health Clinics - Nursing

### Mission:

- The Public Health Nursing and Dental Health division is dedicated to maximizing the physical, mental and emotional health of Stamford's diverse population.
- Prevention is a major focus of the department. Services include school based health, and community health, including childhood and adult immunizations and community based clinics.



## Clinics/Services

- [A Breath of Fresh Air Pro](#)
- [Blood Pressure Clinic](#)
- [Cocoon Program](#)
- [Flu Clinic](#)
- [Immunization Clinic / Program](#)
- [STD Clinic](#)
- [TB Clinic](#)
- [Travel Clinic](#)
- [Well Child Clinics](#)
- [Dental Clinics](#)

## Stamford Community and School Nursing Program

- 34 school nurses, Three dental hygienist & one dental hygiene coordinator providing nursing and dental services to 21 public and 15 parochial schools and 32 licensed daycares
- First aid, delivery of medications, evaluation of all medical problems,
- Attendance at medical planning meetings and skilled nursing planning.

## Stamford School Nursing & Dental Hygiene Program

- 34 school nurses, 6 Community Health Nurses  
Three dental hygienist & one dental hygiene coordinator providing nursing and dental services to 21 public and 15 parochial/private schools and 32 licensed daycares
- First aid, delivery of medications, evaluation of all medical problems,
- Attendance at medical planning meetings and skilled nursing planning.

## Oral Health

- Three dental hygienist & one dental hygiene coordinator providing dental services to 21 public and 15 parochial schools and 32 licensed daycares.
- The dental program provides dental sealants, education & screening along with referrals for dental care.
- We have dental clinics in our schools that offer preventative services: cleaning, exam, x-rays, sealants and basic treatment services: KT Murphy School, Rogers, Cloonan, Rippowam Toquam, and Stillmeadow School.

## HIV/AIDS Services

### **Mission:**

- To provide the Greater Stamford community with HIV risk reduction services to prevent HIV transmission and promote positive healthy lifestyles.

## HIV Prevention & Testing Services

[HIV Risk Counseling & Services](#)

[National Center for HIV Prevention](#)

[HIV Educational Services](#)

[HIV Prevention Facts](#)

[Referral Services for persons living with HIV \(Stamford CARES\)](#)

[HIV Testing](#)

## Stamford Health Dept. Laboratory

### Mission

- The Stamford Health Department protects, preserves and promotes the health of this multicultural community by integrating the skills and knowledge of a multidisciplinary staff on an ongoing basis. The pre-eminent goal is to maintain the community's health by preventing and/or limiting disease.
- We maintain current certifications from the US EPA (United States Environmental Protection Agency), the State of Connecticut Department of Public Health, the FDA (Food and Drug Administration), CLIA (Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments), and the United States Department of Health and Human Services.

### Services

#### Environmental Testing (incl. drinking water)

Well water, recreational bathing water, rivers, lakes, ponds and streams, state requirements for day care and nursery licenses, water company water, lead in water, swimming pool water, shellfish water, as well as other general environmental concerns.

#### Clinical Testing

Levels of lead in blood for children under 6 years of age, sexually transmitted disease testing, anemia, diabetes, total cholesterol, pregnancy and strep testing. Performed at specified times and through specific clinics.

#### Information & Referral Services

Rabies referrals and Insect identification.

#### Lyme Ticks

Receipt and Shipment of Ticks for Lyme Disease Testing. Information on the prevalence of the disease in ticks and when the ticks are most active.



## Women, Infants and Children (WIC) Program

### Mission

- The Stamford Women, Infant and Children's program is a federally funded program which provides service through the Stamford health department. The program provides healthy food supplements and nutrition information-during critical times of growth and development.
- Eligibility is based on income and nutritional need. Benefits are available for pregnant, breastfeeding or women who recently had a baby. Infants and children under the age of five years old are also eligible for benefits. Please contact us for eligibility information.
- W.I.C. checks are issued to provide foods which include the 5 food groups. The W.I.C. foods emphasize good choices of nutrients which promote growth and development; iron, calcium, vitamin A & C., proteins and more. The W.I.C. checks are redeemable at most major grocery stores and several pharmacies in the area. Information on breastfeeding and healthy eating is provided. If necessary, referrals are made to other programs.

### STAMFORD DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES

#### MOBILE MEDICAL HEALTHCARE PROGRAM



**Stamford  
Mobile  
Medical  
Healthcare**

Connecting People to  
the Services they Need  
Stamford Department of Health & Social Services



#### **SERVICES PROVIDED:**

**\*\*BLOOD PRESSURE\*\***

**\*\*GLUCOSE/CHOLESTEROL SCREENING\*\***

**\*\*HUSKY/CHARTER OAK INFORMATION PROVIDED\*\***

**\*\*REFERRALS TO DENTAL & MEDICAL CLINICS\*\***

**Phone: 203- 977- 4478**



## Public Health Education

- Public Health Education overlaps with all Health & Social Services Divisions
- Started monthly E-newsletter,
- Participate in Stamford Cancer Awareness Campaign
- Participate in Childhood Obesity Task Force, collaborate on City Walk/Run Events (as part of our Stamford Walks initiative, i.e., Turkey Trot, Shamrock Stroll),
- Collaborate with BOE on City Mental Health Summit for Children & Adolescents
- Partner with BOE on implementation of Health Education curriculum, grades k-12

## Emergency Preparedness

- Manage shelters during emergencies for city of Stamford
- Planning and operating point of dispensing clinic for mass prophylaxis and immunization
- Stamford Medical Reserve Corps: community volunteers who respond during emergencies
- Conduct training and exercises for staff and volunteers to be able to respond to emergencies
- Develop all-hazard plans to respond to various public health emergencies

## Social Services

### Mission

To provide assistance and information that aids residents of Stamford in obtaining basic human needs such as, but not limited to food, housing, temporary shelter, healthcare, financial assistance and physical protection with the goal of promoting individual and family self sufficiency

## Social Services Programs

- **Every Child Matters Program**
  - health insurance initiative aimed at identifying and reaching the families of all uninsured children in Stamford, helping determine their eligibility for and assisting their access to no- or low-cost health insurance coverage through Connecticut's HUSKY program
- **Renter's Rebate Program**
  - A reimbursement program for Connecticut renters who are elderly or totally disabled, and whose incomes do not exceed certain limits. Applicants can receive a one time rebate up to \$700 for singles and \$ 900 for married couples
- **Eviction storage Program**
  - Per Connect State Law provide storage and coordinate the removal and sale of evictee's possessions and personal effects for the City of Stamford
- **Uniform Relocation Assistance Program**
  - Under the provision of the Uniform Relocation Assistance Act and Connecticut General State Statues provide assistance to individual and families displaced from residential properties by code enforcement activities

## Social Services Assistance & Referrals

- Community Education & Referrals
- Personal one-on-one Application Assistance
- Health Insurance Assistance for Low-income Families (Husky, LIA & Charter Oak &)
- State Health Insurance Plan enrollment (Access-CT)
- Presumptive eligibility for Children & Pregnant Women
- Case Management
- Referrals & Educational Resources
- Med Assist Choices
- Fair Rent Complaints

Questions?